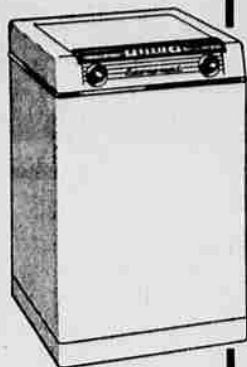


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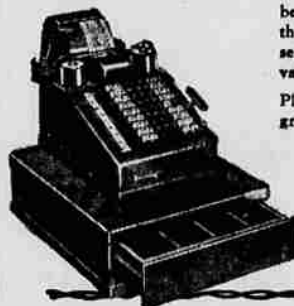
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County

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voters were away in California
at the time because of the gold
rush). This election was the first
observance of legal forms within
Lane County.

The territorial legislature
passed an act Jan. 28, 1851, to
create and organize Lane County.
The first election after organiza-
tion was held in June, 1851,
with 51 ballots cast.

FIRST MEETING 1852

It was not until Sept. 6, 1852,
however, that the county's gov-
ernmental machinery was firmly
established. The first term of the
"Commissioners Court of the
County of Lane" was held at "Eu-
gene City" on that day.

This event marks the adminis-
trative beginning of Lane Coun-
ty. Some 100 years have passed.
Where are we now?

Lane officials today face some
of the most formidable problems
county representatives have ever
had to meet. The tremendous in-
crease in demand for services by
the public in the past decade is
taxing the county's administrative
machinery to the limit.

In spite of the demand for in-
creased services, however, there
is only so much money available.
Often funds don't last through
the fiscal year, necessitating drastic
reductions in departmental
functions or transfers from the
county emergency fund to keep a
particular department going.

7-MILL TAX LEVY

Actually, Lane County govern-
ment is being financed with a tax
levy of only seven mills. Only
about 20 per cent of the total op-
erating budget comes from prop-
erty taxes. The rest comes from
timber receipts, state apportion-
ment revenue, and miscellaneous
fees.

Of the nearly \$10,000,000 in
taxes levied during 1953-54 by all
the tax bodies in the county, only
about 10 per cent will go to fi-
nance Lane County governmental
operations.

What services does the county
taxpayer receive for his seven
mills? What are some of the
problems facing the various coun-
ty departments? How do the de-
partments operate?

These questions and others will
be discussed in future articles.

Mrs Klinge to Attend Meetings in New York

Mrs. Lucille Klinge, Lane Coun-
ty superintendent of public
schools, will leave for New York
City this week to participate in
national meetings in education.

She will preside at a session of
the Rural Education Department
of the National Education Assn.
Mrs. Klinge is president of this
department.

She will also be a platform
guest for the first meeting of the
general session of the NEA Con-
vention. The rural department
will meet Saturday, Sunday, and
Monday.

Eugene Youth Enters Jaycee Road Contest

Glen Knowlton, 18, of 2040 Em-
erald St., will compete with young
drivers from all parts of Oregon
Sunday afternoon in the Junior
Chamber of Commerce state road-
e-o safe driving contest in Klam-
ath Falls.

Knowlton won the contest held
in Eugene last month. He scored
416 of a possible 500 points to
claim the local high school driv-
ing title.

The Eugene Junior Chamber of
Commerce sponsors of the local
contest, is financing Knowlton's
trip to the state event.

Grant Chase is accompanying
Knowlton to Klamath Falls. He is
chairman of the Eugene Jaycee
committee that handled the test
held here.

At Klamath Falls, other win-
ners from all parts of the state
will take a written examination,
starting at 12:30 p.m., then a
special driving test will be held
at Kiwanis Park.

The state winner will be an-
nounced at a banquet later in the
day. The top driver will be given
a trophy and will take part in the
national teenage driving tests in
Washington, D. C., in July.

Lookout

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There are no refrigerators
around.

The forest service packs the
man and his gear to the top of
the mountain, then leaves him.
Once in a while, more food, mail
and other items can be deliv-
ered.

But there's very little human
contact for the man with the
binoculars. His only connection
with the world is the telephone.

The lookout is on the phone
a lot. Checks are made often and
reports keep going back and
forth. The weather at the station
is recorded at least daily and this
is part of the report.

There's only one lookout in the
Willamette forest that can be
reached by car. That's at Sand
Mountain over in the Cascadia
ranger district. All the others are
walking shows—up and up.

It's a quiet life. Look and read.
Report, read some more. Yak on
the phone.

Quiet, that is, until there's a
lightning storm in the mountains.
Then all hell breaks loose. The
most unnerving place in the
world is a lookout station when
the lightning is dancing over the
mountains.

But the lightning and the mo-
notony are all part of the life.
Important people, these look-
outs. A fire can be put out easily
if it's seen early. But it has to be
seen.

Steel Talks In Recess

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Contract
negotiations between the CIO
United Steel Workers and U. S.
Steel Corp. are recessed over the
weekend, subject to call at any
time.

The committees had been meet-
ing daily since last Saturday with
the exception of the sabbath.

The union is seeking an un-
specified wage boost for its mem-
bers who now earn between \$2.14
and \$2.24 an hour.

The union also is asking nu-
merous contract changes. Most
important are demands for a
guaranteed annual wage and im-
proved pension and hospitaliza-
tion programs.

The unions' contracts with ba-
sic steel, employing some 600,000
USW dues payers, expire mid-
night June 30.

MASONIC LEADER DIES

WASHINGTON (AP)—Capt. John
Henry Cowles, 90, for many years
a leader in Masonic affairs in
America, died here Friday.

Velde Probe

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same information he gave the
Velde group. He testified that
he had left the party in 1948 after
serving with it actively for sev-
eral years prior to that.

He said he "had every reason
to believe" that the John Reed
Communist club on the Portland
campus had ceased to function.

At the conclusion of the Port-
land hearing, Chairman Velde
said the testimony had indicated
clearly that there was a "hard
core" of communism in the Pa-
cific Northwest and in Oregon.
Testimony had added materially
to the committee's information,
he said.

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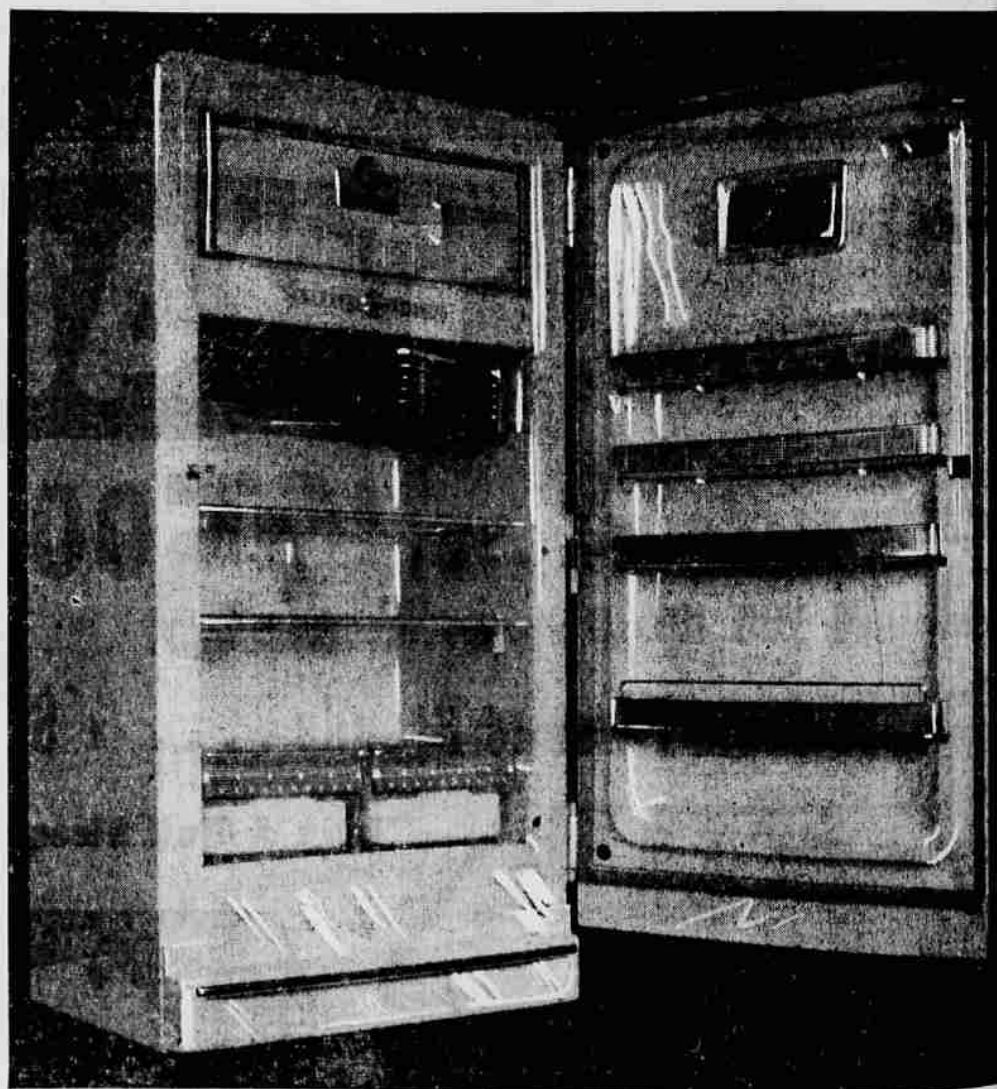
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